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Chairman Julius Genachowski:
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: DA 12-1863, IB Docket No. 12-340; RM-11683 Reply Comments

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

In response to the numerous letters received by your Commission in the last several weeks, I would like to add another point. As you'll note in my earlier correspondence, my priority is to see new manufacturing, education, and employment opportunities brought to the people of rural Mississippi. Access to affordable broadband would equip Mississippi to better compete with more urban states.

But it is just as important to note what will be lost if LightSquared is not allowed to deploy its network: a loss of up to \$120 billion in benefits to consumers. The company's proposed network will produce an estimated \$12 billion in value to the economy, and ten times that in consumer benefits.

With our national economy shaky, at best, it is now more important than ever to aggressively work to pump every dollar that we can into our weakened economic system. Granting LightSquared's petition for license modification will bring this added benefit to my rural state and to our country as a whole.

Sincerely yours,

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Cc: Senator Roger Wicker

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